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## *Done to Death* Cast

Jessica Olive	Anne Claes
Whitney Olive	John Claes
Mildred Z. Maxwell	Susan Casber
Brad Benedict	Troy Gould
Rodney Duckton	Mike Kentopp
Jason Summers	Michael Hollister
Stagehand	Joe Kirwen
Jane	Ali Kirwen
Gregory	Jim Leeper
Radio Announcer	Richard Wilson

### **Cameos**

Lisa DeWaard	Ali Kerwin
Troy DeStigter	Joe Kerwin
Beverly Routh	

Time: Early Summer sometime in the 1970's

Place: A house on Tanners Lake in Minnesota

There will be a 15-minute intermission between Acts.

**A strobe light will be used in Acts 1 and 2**

### **Act I**

Scene 1	A television studio. Evening.
Scene 2	Vulture's Vault - an island in the Caribbean

### **Act II**

Scene 1	A few minutes later
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*Done to Death* is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

## Production Team

Director	Jo Reid
Producer	Jerry Reid
Director's Assistant	Barb Meckstoth
Stage Manager	Joe Kerwin
Set Construction	Jerry Reid, Richard Wilson
Set Painting	Karly Good, Nicole Titus, & Cast
Set Decorator	Bev Heldt
Light & Sound Operators	Dawn Hockemeyer, Doug Moon, Paige Seward
Props & Costumes	Lisa DeWaard, Bev Heldt, Beverly Roth
Program	Lynn Arterburn
Logo Design	Megan Parrott
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## Cast Biographies



**Susan Casber** (Mildred Maxwell) has appeared on ACT's stage in *Musical Chairs*, *The Regifters*, *Death by Chocolate*, *Play On*, and *Sing On*. She has also performed at Pella, Class Act Productions, and the Ingersoll Dinner Theater. Susan is a retired school nurse from Des Moines Public Schools. She works as a substitute school nurse and as a standardized patient for Des Moines University. Susan is married to Scott Casber. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, and attending theater shows. Susan would like to thank her family for their support. Love you more Mom!!



**Anne Claes** (Jessica Olive) last performed on our stage this past spring in *Musical Chairs*. She loves to bake and is a kickboxing instructor as well as a teacher at ACT's Summer Camps. Anne is pleased to be sharing the stage again with her husband, John. They have a daughter, Katherine, who is a sophomore at Drake University. Anne is a para-educator for Johnston Community Schools.



**John Claes** (Whitney Olive) is appearing in his thirteenth ACT show - his last being this spring in *Musical Chairs*. He appeared at the Des Moines Playhouse in *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* last winter. John is an instructor for ACT's Summer Drama Camps and has served on the ACT board. He is the Director of Philanthropy and Corporate Relations at Lutheran Services in Iowa.

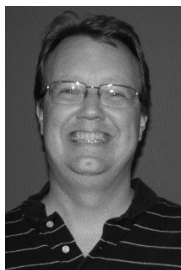
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**Troy DeStigter** (George) has entertained many audiences in his numerous ACT roles. Favorite shows include *Come Blow Your Horn* (Mr. Baker), *It Runs in the Family* (Bill), *A Nice Family Gathering* (Michael), and *Play On* (Henry Benish). Troy enjoys collecting records and other music memorabilia. Troy works at Meredith Corporation.



**Lisa DeWaard** (Martha) most recently appeared on the ACT stage in *The Little Princess* and *Uh-Oh, Here Comes Christmas* in 2014. Favorite ACT shows include *Godspell*, *Lend Me a Tenor*, and *The Maginot Line*. She has also appeared in Drama Workshop's *Song of Survival*. Lisa enjoys karaoke, going to live theater events and collecting cats, frogs and anything Broadway. She has four fur children (cats). Lisa works for Mediacom.

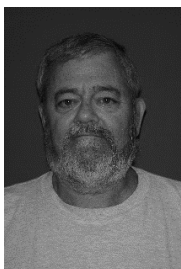


**Troy Gould** (Bradley Benedict) has appeared in ACT's *Twelve Angry Jurors*, *Deathtrap* (for which he received the Favorite Actor Award for 2015-2016 season), and *Some Sweet Day*. He also appeared in shows throughout high school and college including the lead role in *The Elephant Man*. He has also worked with ACTORS in Ames. Troy enjoys watching and playing sports and bike riding. Troy is a member of the ACT Board of Directors. He and his wife, Lisa, have two children - Jordan (15) and Alexis (9).



**Michael Hollister** (Jason Summers) is making his ACT debut. It's been over fifteen years since his last theater participation. He has performed for Drama Workshop and directed for the Ingersoll Dinner Theater. He is married to his husband, Jonah Hollister.

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**Mike Kentopp** (Rodney Duckton) was last seen on ACT's stage in *Francine's Will*. Previous ACT shows include *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Our Town*, *Murder Takes the Stage*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, and *I Remember Mama*. He has had many roles in other theaters around the area. Mike is a father of four and has six grandchildren. Mike is a school bus driver for the Ankeny School District.



**Ali Kirwen** (Jane) is thrilled to be appearing in her first ACT show. She has appeared at other venues in *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Soul Girl), *Man of La Mancha* (Antonia/Gypsy), *Narnia the Musical* (The White Stag), and *Cinderella* (Joy). Ali enjoys reading, baking, playing video games, playing piano, and singing. She is a PhD student at Iowa State University.



**Joe Kirwen** (Stagehand) is making his acting debut at ACT. He enjoys reading, watching movies, and playing video games. Joe also enjoys following his wife, Ali, around which led him to showing up on stage for this show! Joe is a test engineer.



**Jim Leeper** (Gregory) has appeared on numerous stages around the area: ACT, Des Moines Playhouse, ACTORS, and Central College as well as Maury County Arts Guild in Columbia, Tennessee. Favorite roles include Harry McMichael (*Not Now Darling*), Nick (*Uh-Oh, Here Comes Christmas*), and Leslie Tate (*It Runs in the Family*). Jim's hobbies include sports and photography.

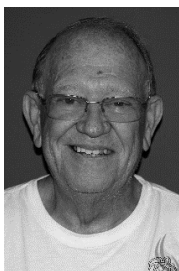
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**Beverly Roth** (Stephanie Mildaur) is happy to be making her first appearance at ACT. She has tapped down *42<sup>nd</sup> Street*, hung out in a trailer in *The Great American Trailer Park Musical*, and survived *The Oldest Profession*. She looks forward to seeing if she can survive being *Done to Death*. Beverly's hobbies include reading, knitting, and spending time with her family and friends.



**Jo Reid** (Director) directed her first play for ACT thirty years ago. Since then she has done one or so a year. Jo has directed musicals, comedies, and mysteries. Theater and church activities occupy most of her time. Jo and her husband, Jerry, also spend a lot of time on theater projects and family activities.



**Jerry Reid** (Producer) has been a supporter and promoter of ACT for over thirty years. He has been Jo's right hand man for all of the shows she has directed. Jerry has been the jack of all trades for many ACT productions and has served on the ACT Board of Directors numerous times. He and Jo enjoy traveling and spending time with their grandchildren.

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